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TRAFFIC HANDLING ACTIVITIES BY PARADIP PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Paradip Port has increased traffic handling activities in 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total million tonnes of traffic handled by Paradip Port during the last three years;

(d) the extent to which the increase has been made in comparison to the previous three financial years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to further increase the traffic handling facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): The details of traffic handled at Paradip Port Trust during the year 2005-06 vis-Ã -vis the previous year in terms of some major commodities are as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Commodity	Traffic 2005-06	Traffic 2004-05	% Increase
POL	0.91	0.84	8.33
Iron Ore	10.27	9.05	13.48
Fertilizer (Raw material)	1.57	2.60	-39.62
Thermal Coal	12.53	10.94	14.53
Coking Coal	3.76	3.27	14.98
Containers	0.05	0.03	66.67
(Number of Twentyfeet Equivalent Units)	(3417)	(2281)	(49.80)
Other Cargo	4.02	3.37	19.28
Total	33.11	30.10	10

(c) & (d): The cargo traffic handled by Paradip Port during last three financial years alongwith percentage increase is given below:-

Year	Million Tonnes	% increase over previous year
2003-04	25.31	5.9
2004-05	30.10	18.9
2005-06	33.11	10.0

(e): Improvement of the working of major ports in terms of handling of traffic in the country is an on-going process. Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) formulated by the Department of Shipping, a total of 28 projects involving development of berths, deepening of channel, equipment upgradation/modernization, rail/road connectivity are planned to be taken up over the period upto 2011-12 with a view to augmenting the capacity of the port to 88.66 million tonnes per annum (MTPA).